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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF NEON OPTICA, INC. TO RCN CORPORATION

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 07-152

Comments Due: August 9, 2007

Reply Comments Due: August 16, 2007

The following application was filed pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules requesting authority to transfer control of the domestic section 214 authorization held by NEON Optica, Inc. ("NEON") to RCN Corporation ("RCN") (collectively, "Applicants").¹ NEON, a Delaware corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of NEON Communications, Inc., which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of NEON Communications Group, Inc., both U.S.-based corporations. NEON and its affiliates, NEON Connect, Inc., Northeast Optic Network of Connecticut, Inc., NorthEast Optic Network of New York, Inc., and NEON Virginia Connect, LLC are authorized to provide competitive telecommunications services in 11 northeast and mid-Atlantic states² and the District of Columbia. RCN, a publicly traded Delaware corporation, is authorized through its U.S.-based affiliates to provide competitive local and long distance services in the same Northeast and mid-Atlantic states as NEON, and the District of Columbia, except that NEON is authorized to provide service in New Hampshire, while RCN is not. RCN is also authorized to provide competitive service in Illinois. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.³

Application Filed for a Transfer of Control of NEON Optica, Inc. to RCN Corporation,
WC Docket No. 07-152 (filed July 23, 2007).

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; see 47 U.S.C. § 214.

² The states are Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. NEON has applied for authority in Virginia.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before August 9, 2007** and reply comments **on or before August 16, 2007**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, Applicants are permitted to transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.⁴ Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- **For ECFS filers,** if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
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⁴ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

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